

HARTFORD, CONN. – **Congressman John Larson (CT-01)** congratulated Pratt & Whitney this afternoon on news that the company secured an order for 300 next-generation turbofan engines from Indian airline IndiGo.

“The Pratt & Whitney-IndiGo Airlines deal, announced earlier today, is the latest success in a major winning streak for United Technologies and all of the men and women who comprise its workforce,” Congressman Larson said. “Beginning with the next-generation tanker deal, the launch of Space Shuttle Discovery and, most recently, the decision to end the Joint Strike Fighter’s alternate engine program, Pratt has enjoyed tremendous success. Pratt & Whitney is a model for what I have been saying is the key to economic recovery: ‘make it in America, sell it all over the world.’”

In 2009, Congressman Larson hosted the Indian Ambassador to the United States Meera Shankar. During the visit, the Ambassador toured East Hartford’s Pratt & Whitney, met with United Technology executives and spoke with members of the UTC workforce.

Pratt & Whitney has been a leader in next-generation turbofan production, an emerging market. The engine is quieter, cleaner, has lower operating costs and is more fuel-efficient than its competitors.

“Today’s sale is a great example of how Pratt’s foresight to invest in the research and development of the turbofan is paying off for the company and our community,” said Congressman Larson.

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